ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 26, 2026
8:30 a.m.

Hybrid/Zoom Meeting
Originating at:
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Trustees Present:
Brent Fisher, Chair
John Morris
Anita Halterman
Kevin Fimon
Agnes Moran
Corri Feige
Josie Hickel

Trust Staff Present:
Mary Wilson
Allison Biastock
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Shannon Cochran
Valette Keller
Julee Farley
Luke Lind
Carrie Predeger
Michael Baldwin
Eric Boyer
Kat Roch
Kelda Barstad
Tina Voelker-Ross
Eliza Muse
Heather Phelps

Trust Land Office staff present:
Jusdi Warner
Jeff Green
Sarah Morrison

Department of Law:
Gene Hickey

Also participating:
Chelsea Burke; Marty Lange; Haylee Donovan; Rebecca Davis; Kingston Sam; Yasmin Radbod; Larrisa Cummings; Karen Heath; Lisa Cauble; Kim Champney; Don Roberts; Tatianna Active; Luke Emery; Dawn Morris; Leona Seal; Wendy Williams; Jennifer Boegler.

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER
CHAIR FISHER called the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board meeting to order and began with a roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CHAIR FISHER asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

> **MOTION:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.
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> *There being no objection, the MOTION was APPROVED.*

ETHICS DISCLOSURE
CHAIR FISHER asked for any ethics disclosures. There being none, he moved to the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

> **MOTION:** A motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.
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> *There being no objection, the MOTION was APPROVED.*

MISSION MOMENT
CHAIR FISHER asked Eric Boyer to share the Mission Moment.

MR. BOYER stated that the Mission Moment is brought by some of the partners from Volunteers of America Alaska. He introduced Rebecca Davis, the chief clinical officer for VOA Alaska, and added that she was there with one of the beneficiaries. She will talk about MTSS, the multi-tiered systems of support in the schools. VOA Alaska operates in 13 schools in the Anchorage School District, along with Alaska Behavioral Health and a few other partners. It is a system that is in the Anchorage and Fairbanks School Districts. He added that they are also talking with several rural school districts that are very interested in this program.

MS. DAVIS thanked the Trust for the invitation to talk about this model. She explained that the MTSS model is a three-tiered approach, starting from prevention all the way to traditional psychotherapy. The benefit of this model is not only the ability to provide mental health services for students, but also to support them with preventative-type groups; to support teachers with education, psychoeducation, support through behavioral health concerns they may have with students, as well as burnout and issues like that. She continued that they have already created some partnerships in rural Alaska, and have found this to be extremely successful. One of the many things that is great about the system is that it gets rid of the barriers for students to access behavioral health services. She added that the mental health clinicians are integrated with the staff in activities and on parent night, really reducing those barriers. Families and those students are able to get those services without having to travel or make appointments, not missing work or things like that. She stated that VOA really believes that the power is in the story of the clients. She introduced Kingston Sam to share his story with this model.

MR. SAM stated that he started VOA as an outpatient. He then became involved in the school district, which was easier and more convenient. He began in ninth grade, but in tenth grade his aunt had a stroke, and he had to be the person to give her baths, feed, cook for her, and everything in between. He continued that by having a school-based program, he was available to go and still care for his aunt without having to take time out of his day. Having a therapist within the school system that cared for him made it easier later when he had to invest more in school and the extracurricular activities needed if he was to get into college. He added that it was easier for other kids because they are legally mandated to be at school, and the therapist was already there. During his time at East, it was great. Whenever he was having a serious problem with school or a breakdown, he knew he could go to someone he trusted. That was always a positive for him and many other students. that they had an in-school clinician. He stated that he believes that if students are expected to do their best in school, they should also be given access to mental health aides to better their mental health, especially if school already creates so much stress.

MS. DAVIS introduced Haylee Donovan, the director of school-based services.

MS. DONOVAN stated that the most powerful stories are the stories of the youth, and she thanked Mr. Sam for sharing his. She shared the impact numbers from the '25-'26 school year, and more information about the students served and who accessed services. She continued that almost 11,000 students in the district were able to access some sort of mental health services, whether through a training or small group, a lunch group, a safe place to stop to have lunch with a counselor. There were 132 crisis interventions that were responded to. The progress notes of 86 percent, or 219 students, were favorable outcomes with the therapeutic services upon discharge. She added that it may sound like only 219 got individual services, but thousands of students and their families are being reached through family nights, presenting to teachers, and helping them to respond to students in crisis. Overall, it is helping impact mental health across the Anchorage School District.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked if they were billing Medicaid for services, and asked how they were sustaining the rest of the program to support the teachers and families. She also asked about the future of the program with regard to the sustainability of these programs.

MS. DONOVAN replied that they bill Medicaid and also private insurance. They do not say no, and there is a sliding scale. They are able to work with whatever the families need to ensure that the service providers do not say no to needed services. She continued that for sustainability, they are able to train teachers to help, and counselors have co-facilitated some of the groups. She explained that they are able to do that across the district, and not just in the 13 schools they are in, which allows the therapists in the schools to focus on individual billable services to continue to reach sustainability.

MS. DAVIS added that their prevention program is grant-funded, and they have had to get creative because that model is difficult to sustain. They believe in prevention and early intervention as a way to help people, and they have become strategic in their vision for sustainability.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated appreciation for their coming and explaining a little of the program. He especially thanked Mr. Sam and asked if there was a day or more than a day he may have not

gone to school but for the feeling and confidence of knowing that there was someone there that helped make the decision to go.

MR. SAM replied that it absolutely helped him further his journey to school. He stated that before he started with the in-school clinician, he did not have a lot of motivation to go to school. Knowing that there was someone there that cared for him, someone that he could talk to about some uncomfortable things, did inspire him to go to school and try harder.

TRUSTEE FIMON asked if any of his friends were also influenced to do the same.

MR. SAM replied absolutely. He explained that the lunch groups occurred during lunch, and anyone could walk in and see what it was all about.

TRUSTEE MORAN thanked Mr. Sam for his story. She asked how parental consent was handled; if it was an opt-in or on an individual basis.

MS. DONOVAN replied that for the therapeutic services, the one called Tier 3 Services, the age of consent in Alaska is 18. Parents are heavily involved in the process, which begins with a referral from the school.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that mental health issues do not start in ninth grade, and asked about the age range that they work with.

MS. DONOVAN replied that they are in schools from elementary up to secondary. Some schools have preschool, with some starting as early as four years old.

CHAIR FISHER thanked them for coming, and stated appreciation for answering questions and explaining the program. He noted that Trustee John Morris was in attendance. He moved to the CEO update.

CEO UPDATE

CEO WILSON began with an update on the last quarter's work with the Trust and some summations for the last year. She talked about Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities and the Road Home Project. The MAPHABIT, Inc. or the Anchor Project, is $1.2 million for RHTP funds that uses AI and virtual tools to deliver community-based supports. Alaska Impact Alliance's 907 Navigation App and their Alaska 100% Communities focuses on improving connections to care. She noted that the Improving Lives Conference is coming up, and registration is on the AMHTA website. She concluded her update with the new crisis video, and recognized Allison Biastock.

MS. BIASTOCK stated that this is still a work in progress, but wanted to give the trustees a sneak peek. She added that they were trying to get it finalized in time for the conference.

(Video played.)

TRUSTEE FIMON stated that it is a great video, and he appreciated seeing all the little parts of things he had learned over the last five years come through.

CHAIR FISHER continued to the Moonshot Moment.

MOONSHOT MOMENT

CHAIR FISHER stated that the Moonshot was part of the strategic planning process. He began with a review of the extensive process that they went through. He continued that the ideas shared last year were taken and refined into what was presented during the Moonshot selection work session. Staff ran with the ideas, and the decision framework was approved by the board in May. Following a staff assessment and leadership prioritization, the Moonshot concepts were developed and are now in the implementation phase.

CEO WILSON stated that the Moonshot landed on is Prevention and Early Intervention, a priority. In this priority, the goal is to improve kindergarten readiness. Every kindergarten in the country is tested for kindergarten readiness, and in Alaska now18.4 percent are ready. The goal is to go up to 35 percent, and we want a tool that increases developmental screening rates from 47 percent to 65 percent, and then reduce chronic absenteeism from 42 percent to 25 percent. It needs to be measured to see the progress or lack of it, and to be able to change the goal line.

CHAIR FISHER stated that when they went through the working group meeting and the selection process, this Moonshot was a unanimous selection, and he felt the energy in the room. It is very important to recognize the importance of unanimity in pursuing the Moonshot, both as trustees and as staff. He added that he looked forward to working with everybody as we go forward over a multi-year process to see these things that are accomplished. He moved to the statutory advisers.

STATUTORY ADVISERS

MR. BOYER introduced Marty Lange from the Alaska Commission on Aging.

ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING

MR. LANGE stated that the Alaska Commission on Aging produced the Statewide Senior Service Summary, which updated a study done in 2010. It provides a statewide data-rich account of the services available to seniors in Alaska organized by region. It helps readers understand where seniors live, what services they receive, what gaps exist, and how the systems are changing. He introduced Yasmin Radbod, ACOA's program coordinator, who recently finished collecting fiscal year '25 data and has begun analyzing the results, to share some of her findings on senior behavioral health data.

MS. RADBOD stated that it was a privilege to collect this data and to better illustrate the needs of the seniors to dig into what the needs are, the access available, and then the gaps seen. She pointed out the Borough and Census Areas, which lay the foundation and will be important as they will be referenced. She continued that Alaska is one of five states invited into the Older Adult Suicide Prevention Policy Academy last summer. SAMHSA invites the top five states with the highest older adult suicide rates to attend. Unfortunately, Alaska is in that top five nationally. She added that the goal of this policy academy is that every state participating needs to develop a specific section in their suicide prevention plan catering to senior needs. She continued to the Summit on Aging. Historically, the Summit on Aging and Disability was held at Special Olympics in Anchorage, one of their partners. They are adding a bigger format with three full days with around 40 sessions and over 100 speakers. All regions of the state are represented.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions. There being none, he recognized Mr. Boyer.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

MR. BOYER introduced Chelsea Burke, the executive director of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. He thanked her for joining and providing the trustees with an update.

MS. BURKE stated that this was her first Trust board meeting as executive director of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. She introduced herself formally, and gave a brief context of the Council, which fulfills five different roles; three Federal, and two established in Alaska law. She stated that the Council serves as Alaska's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part C, Interagency Coordinating Council, the IDEA Part B Special Education Advisory Panel, and the State's Council on Developmental Disabilities under the DD Act of 2000. The Council is the governing board for the Special Education Service Agency and the Beneficiary Advisory Board, the Trust, and for the IDD population. She continued that SESA has their own staff and executive director, and the Council fills its role by appointing a majority of the board members for SESA's board of directors. The SESA board provides their own oversight, establishes policy, hires and supervises their executive director, and governs the corporation on the Council's behalf. She explained that this structure allows just one council to connect disability policy across a lifespan from infants and toddlers through special education, and transitioning into adult services, employment, community inclusion, and self-advocacy. She continued that the area that she is interested in growing is the partnership, as well as the Moonshot idea and its focus around prevention and early intervention. She stated that one of the five statutory roles is the Part C responsibility, which is connected directly to Alaska's early intervention system through the Infant Learning Program. They are already working in a system designed around identifying developmental needs early, connecting families to supports, and intervening during what is known to be the most important developmental years. She added that she did not have any predetermined projects or request on this today, and is most interested in continuing the conversation. She noted the importance of the report by Dr. Sandra Heffern, Effective Health Design, which describes the provider network that remains resilient and operational, but capacity-constrained, particularly by workforce shortages, administrative demands, and overlapping system reforms. It helps to understand the capacity of the system, and a future prevalent study will help to understand the population that system needs to serve. She explained the development of a new Project SEARCH pilot, an intensive model which requires coordination, training, technical assistance, job development and individualized support for participants. She talked about the universal changing spaces assistance fund, and then investing directly in Alaskans with IDD as leaders and decision-makers. She stated that she is incredibly proud of the team and sees significant opportunities ahead with the Trust, prevention and early intervention, stronger IDD data, employment, accessibility, and self-advocacy. Every investment into the Council is into a partnership that can connect these through a broader systems change, and to a team that is committed to responsible implementation, measurement and long-term impact.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions. There being none, he thanked Ms. Burke and congratulated her. He called a break.

(Break.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting back to order and moved to the Public Comment period. He read a statement of instructions with regard to how they would proceed. He stated that Public Comment would begin with those who have registered in advance. If Public Comment is concluded before everyone has a chance to speak, they are welcome to submit a written comment to public.comment@MHTrust.org. He recognized Kerry Tomlinson. She was not present, so he recognized Larrisa Cummings.

MS. CUMMINGS stated that she is with UAA Center for Human Development, and that this was her first time giving public testimony. She continued that at a previous Trust meeting, concerns were heard about some of the difficulties encountered in applying for the micro-enterprise grant. As a result, changes were made to the program. An orientation was created, designed to answer people's questions regarding eligibility and other grant requirements. So far, three orientations were held, with 25 people attending. Documents and materials in plain language were created to make them easier to read and simplified the applications. She added that they adhere to rigorous evaluations of each application to insure that Trust money is going to support micro-businesses of Trust beneficiaries. She thanked the Trust for funding the beneficiary employment and technical assistance project, which funded and continues maintaining the Alaska disability benefits 101 Website, or DD 101. She pointed out how important the connections between the Trust and DHE are for beneficiaries. The center leverages funding from other State and Federal grants. She thanked the Trust for all they do for Alaska's beneficiaries.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Cummings, and recognized Karen Heath.

MS. HEATH stated that she is the director of the UAA Center for Human Development and thanked the Trust for the $50,000 investment in FY26 which allowed them the opportunity to secure other funding to continue the interpersonal violence project, Friendships in Dating. She thanked the Trust for the help in figuring this out, and also for supporting Alaska beneficiaries.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Heath, and recognized Lisa Cauble.

MS. CAUBLE stated that she is the training director at the UAA Center for Human Development and took the opportunity to share an update with trustees on the Direct Support Professional Certification Training Program, which is a partnership with the Department of Health Senior and Disability Services and CHD since FY23. She thanked the Trust for the continued support and investment of the DSP incentives funding that helps make this program a success. She continued that, after four years of the DSP training program, there are 94 Alaskan DSPs who reached Level 1 certification. Out of that 94, 89 earned Level 2; and out of 89, 83 earned the highest DSP certification at Level 3. She added that they are about to start a new cohort on September 1st with 77 DSPs and 19 agencies. The Trust support will provide incentives to both DSPs and their agencies. She thanked the Trust for recognizing the value of the Direct Support Professional workforce and being a foundational part of the DSP certification training program's success.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked if these folks were located across the state, or if they were concentrated in Anchorage.

MS. CAUBLE replied that for FY27 they have Fairbanks Resource Agency, Interior region; Northeast and Arctic regions based on Hope Community Services; then 14 in the Southcentral region; and Southeast with Community Connections and Reach and Southwest with YKHC.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Cauble, and recognized Don Roberts.

MR. ROBERTS was in Kodiak and stated that he did not have much trust in the system. He continued that he sees so much wrong with the system that it is like looking for problems and worse than low-hanging fruit. He sees a system that does a better job of protecting abusers than protecting people from abuse. He does not know of a mechanism within the system that a person can legitimately report abuse from within the system and actually be heard. Basically, a grievance report has to be filed, and that grievance procedure is controlled by that agency, and then it favors them. He added that he does not know of anyone filing a grievance and having it resolved to their satisfaction. He stated that is a problem. He continued that he has not received services from the system in many years, and would not be getting any services from their system. He added that the Trust needs to start paying attention to this, and to figure out a way to protect people from abusers within the system. That is not happening, and people are either left to solve the problem on their own or just walk away from the system.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mr. Roberts, and recognized Kim Champney.

MS. CHAMPNEY stated that she is with the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities. She thanked the Trust and commented that their investment in systems change has been incredibly impactful. AADD had two successful RHTP projects, and both came from a pilot or planning grant that was funded by the Trust. She commented on Mr. Roberts' testimony, and stated that the system work is hard, and that the Trust gives empowering resources that make them feel like they can actually make changes happen. She sees the changes with the RHTP projects. She added that she has also seen firsthand the impact of the DSP certification program. She then talked about the IDD prevalence analysis advocated for by the Governor's Council. It is the next step to the provider assessment done by Sandra Heffern, which is very valuable. She added that she will be on a panel at the Improving Lives Conference and will talk about how the collaboration before, during, and ongoing will make that IDD provider assessment a systems change too. She stated that figuring out how many people need services by region could help the workforce development efforts. There are over 800 licensed providers in Alaska. They are clustered in certain communities like Anchorage. She wondered how many people in YK need services that are not even applying for them but could benefit from them. When thinking about eliminating the waitlist, who are those people and what do they need. She stated that she supports the prevalence study, and Trust impact is really making a difference.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Champney, and recognized Tatianna Active.

MS. ACTIVE stated that she loves being indigenous and is boarded by Trusted Connections. She feels that she was homeless for over a year and a half and needed help to get on her feet. It was very important for her as an indigenous woman, and Trusted Connections has been there for her. She continued that the funding for the program is extremely low, and it is very important that Alaska Native indigenous people get the help they need. There are a lot of people out there that need the help. Trusted Connections has been connecting a lot of people that want to get healthy, and because of so much trauma of Native Alaskans, many are looked down on as

Alaskans. She added that Trust funding to Trusted Connections will start getting more Alaskans to believe that there is help in the system, and more will start getting healthy. She stated appreciation to the Trust for all they do, and that there is an opportunity for getting more funding for the program.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Active, and recognized Luke Emery.

MR. EMERY began by describing his background beginning with his associate's degree in automotive technology so he could be a professional mechanic. He went to AVTEC's heavy equipment diesel program and also Precision Power Power Generation, and was making over 6 figures a year. He continued that he got hooked on methamphetamines and did not see that his life was going downhill slowly. He could not tell how bad his life was going and became homeless, living out on the streets. He added that six years ago he had a massive stroke and was paralyzed from it. He was stuck in Providence Hospital on the fifth floor for three months. He then was in a wheelchair for quite a while. His life has been a struggle since the stroke. He stated that he got court-appointed guardians and they do not do anything for him at all and he considers them real lowlifes. He continued that Trusted Connections definitely stepped up and did their part. He could not believe how much they did for him. He can actually see a future in his life, which means a lot. They are an awesome organization and are doing a huge service in the community.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mr. Emery, and recognized Dawn Morris.

MS. MORRIS stated that she is a grants consultant, and Trusted Connections is one of her clients. She loves what they do, and she has done many hours of pro bono work. Trusted Connections is an Alaska Native-led nonprofit in Anchorage. They are peer-led, peer-run. She continued that they facilitate indigenous insured, peer-led, trauma healing circles, and provide culturally sensitive support for unsheltered neighbors in Anchorage, and safe liaisons for visitors from the village so people do not fall through the cracks. She talked about case studies of two clients that were helped. One is an elder who had been living in a facility that did not report him missing to the police, although they said they did. When they finally found him, he had lived in the woods for about five years and lost all his toes. She continued that they figured out who had been paid for him and ended up filing five reports of harm for him against OPA, Office of Public Advocacy, the providers. The State of Alaska Ombudsman opened an investigation into those people. He has been transitioned to an ally who cares about him, and he is safe. She added that this organization is about trust and relationships, and that is how we move forward with people as they choose what they become in their own life. She added that they have a partnership grant that will be voted on in the middle of November. She asked that the trustees support it.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Morris, and recognized Wendy Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS stated she is married with many children that she cares for. They endured the loss of their home, their income, and the loss of their safety in the community with the brutal murder of her eldest son, who has a child of his own. She continued that they were locked in a system that had no means or intention to find or help them. They were alone with no support, no guidance and no hope. Trusted Connections found them through word of mouth and intentional care. They were found when their home was a camping space in the wilderness. We were homeless, encompassed by trauma, heartache, loss and fear. She added that they had been turned

away for months. Trusted Connections stepped in with wisdom, knowledge and peace, consistency and intentional care. Peacefulness support was found with Don Morris and Dion Sullivan of Trusted Connections. They helped brainstorm solutions and programs that would help them toward all that was needed as a family. She had a wealth of information, and was provided agency contact, support and emotional support. It was fully and truly a blessing of love with people caring for people.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Williams, and recognized Leona Seal.

MS. SEAL stated she was in two places with Trusted Connections. She was homeless and couch-surfing, and doing what she could to stay out of sleeping outside. She continued that Trusted Connections helped her to be housed, and when that ran out, they found her another place that was very safe for her. She added that she was working while homeless, but could not get into an apartment because she did not have enough. Trusted Connections helped her find finances with organizations where she could have her own place. She stated that, after that, she volunteered her time to help in this community and explained what she did to prevent homelessness for her people in the village. She added that they not only help people in Anchorage, but also people outside.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Seal, and recognized Jennifer Boegler.

MS. BOEGLER stated that she is the chief operations officer at Akeela, Inc., and serves as the project lead for Akeela House Jubilee upgrades and renovation restoration, coordinating the engineering, design, permitting and construction on this project. She was there to introduce the project to the Trust Board as they move forward to ask for support for Phase 2. She explained that Akeela opened its doors in 1974, and for more than 50 years Akeela House has been the signature flagship program, the place where thousands of Alaskans have taken their first steps out of addiction, where families begin to rebuild, and where people who ran out of options found one. She stated that they are undertaking a multiphase transformation of the Akeela House facility at 2804 Bering Street to carry it into the next 50 years. Phase 1 is primarily electrical, kitchen and dining hall renovations, fire suppression and safety, and putting in an elevator to eliminate that barrier. She added that is underway now. Phase 2, the subject of this request, will complete the transformation. It is a full interior renovation of the residential living spaces across five different sub spaces, plus roof replacement and exterior re-siding of the facility. She explained that Phase 2 construction is bid at just over $1.5 million. Combined with Phase 1 and predevelopment engineering, the aggregate cost of the full Jubilee renovation project is sitting at about $3.3 million. She added that Phase 3 construction is off the edge of the planning horizon, but will include reroofing and re-siding the building at some point. She stated that every resident of Akeela House is a Trust beneficiary, and most carry a co-occurring diagnosis of addiction and mental health. She asked for the Trust's investment in Phase 2 of the Akeela House Jubilee Renovation in 2027.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Boegler, and asked Ms. Cochran if there was anyone else for public comment. There being none, he concluded the public comment period. He reiterated the submission of written comments to public.comment@MHTrust.org, and called the lunch break.

(Lunch break.)

AUDIT UPDATE
CHAIR FISHER called the meeting back to order, and moved to the Audit Update. He stated that Gene Hickey would address that. He asked for a motion for Executive Session.

> **MOTION:** A motion was made that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees enter into Executive Session pursuant to Alaska Open Meetings Act AS 44.62-310(c)3 to discuss an update on the LB&A audit. The discussion will include matters which are confidential by law. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.
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> *After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)*

(Executive Session from 11:56 a.m. until 12:10 p.m.)

TRUSTEE MORAN stated, for the record, that she and her fellow trustees are returning from meeting in Executive Session. During the Executive Session the trustees only discussed the items identified in the motion to move into Executive Session. The trustees did not take any action while in Executive Session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – ACTION ITEMS
CHAIR FISHER moved to the Finance Committee report action items on the agenda.

> **MOTION:** The Board of Trustees authorizes ratification of the Legislature's Fiscal Year 2027 MHTAAR and Mental Health Trust Administration budget amounts as appropriated, and therefore increases previous Fiscal Year 2027 trustee authorization by $381,000. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

> *After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)*
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> **MOTION:** The Board of Trustees authorizes the transfer of $34,290,600 from the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Budget Reserve account to the Mental Health Settlement Income account to finance the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. The CFO may fulfill this motion with one lump sum or multiple transfers, and the full transfer must be made prior to June 30, 2027. The CFO will report to the Finance Committee when transfer or transfers are made. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE FEIGE asked the CFO if she had a sense of how that will be funded.

CFO FARLEY replied that there were two schools of thought on this. One is that the CFO would have a year to make this withdrawal, and it would be a sense of timing. She added that she was inclined to handle this withdrawal on a procedural basis and take half of the payout in the first six months of the year and the second half in the second six months. That allows money over the long term to be in the market. She stated that parameters going forward would be good, and she thinks about this quite a bit.

A discussion ensued.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Board of Trustees authorizes the Fiscal Year 2028 Trust Authority Office MHT Agency budget of $6,335,900. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Board of Trustees authorizes the Fiscal Year 2028 agency budget in the amount of $5,786,900. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Board of Trustees authorizes the Fiscal Year 2028 operations and maintenance budget in the amount of $1,518,500. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE HICKEL.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Board of Trustees authorizes the Fiscal Year 2027 supplemental of $408,700 for maintenance and operations. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE HICKEL.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Board of Trustees authorizes Fiscal Year 2027 supplemental $90,500 to provide contingency funding for the Trust Authority Building Renovation Project. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

E.D WARNER had a point of order and asked Mr. Hickey if Motion No. 9 needed to come before this motion. The board would need to rescind.

MR. HICKEY replied that it would be all right.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Board of Trustees authorizes Fiscal Year 2027 supplemental of $439,700 to fund tenant improvements. This will be included in the Trust Land Office budget as a capital budget item. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Board of Trustees rescinds this motion from August 27, 2025, concerning the funding needed and approved for the TAB mechanical equipment in the amount of $3,254,788, and the Board's motion made at its May 2026 meeting which amended the August 27, 2025, motion by permitting expenditures to occur in Fiscal Year 2026 through 2028. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FEIGE.

E.D. WARNER reminded all that this motion needs to be rescinded because of the total of $3.2 million. The project came in under. This is procedural.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated that there was good input from Nate at the committee meeting as to the thought process and the preparation of doing the original bid amounts and his explanation of why.

After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes;

Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER stated that was the last motion under the Finance Committee. He moved to the Resource Management report.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REPORT – ACTION ITEMS
E.D. WARNER asked for the motion to be read.

> **MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the decision to dispose of a portion of Trust Parcel C32033, more specifically Lot 12 of the Lakeview subdivision on Control Lake, through a negotiated sale or subsequent disposal. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

TRUSTEE MORRIS asked if 100-year leases or things like that are done instead of selling land.

E.D. WARNER replied that DNR used to do 55-year leases and no longer does that. Typically, the longest lease seen within the TLO preexisting is the 55 years, and they try not to go over 20 to 30 years.

TRUSTEE MORRIS stated that he was curious because the railroad and some of the commercial folks in town do these long leases, and there seems to be a market for them.

E.D. WARNER explained that we work with the entity, and we try not to do something so long, but will often provide an opportunity for extension should they meet a certain criteria.

TRUSTEE MORRIS stated that the Trust is perpetual; and whenever something is sold, it is gone. With a very long lease, someone has the use of it for their natural life. There seems to be a market for people who think that way in the community. The property may be worth more than $128,000 in 50 or 60 years.

E.D. WARNER stated that that thought has fluctuated with the board over the years and was based on the need for the Trust to have income versus principal. So as things evolve, things are looked at differently. She added that if someone comes into the Land Office and applies for something, it is not an automatic no. They do an analysis of the criteria that is needed.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

> *After a roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)*

CHAIR FISHER concluded the agenda for today and recessed the meeting to reconvene tomorrow at 8:30.

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Full Board of Trustees meeting recessed at 12:40 p.m.)